

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant. : HOCHSTRASSER et al.
Filed : October 28, 2003
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Examiner : Rodney P. Swartz
Docket No. : 108140.00030
Customer No. : 38485
For : DIAGNOSTIC METHOD FOR TRANSMISSIBLE
ENCEPHALOPATHIES

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Date: April 19, 2006

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated October 26, 2005 finally rejecting claims 1-19, 21, 22 and 39-46.

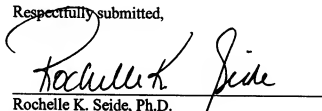
A timely response to the final rejection has been filed on January 26, 2006.

The shortened statutory period expires on April 26, 2006 and it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for three months.

Payment of the Notice of Appeal fee (\$250.00 - Small Entity) and a Petition for a three month Extension of Time fee (\$510.00 – Small Entity) are to be made according to the Credit Card Payment Form.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this response. However, if additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Docket Number 108140.00030.**

Respectfully submitted,

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